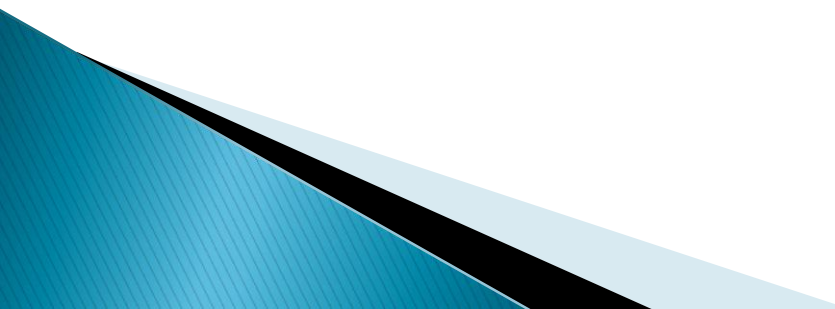


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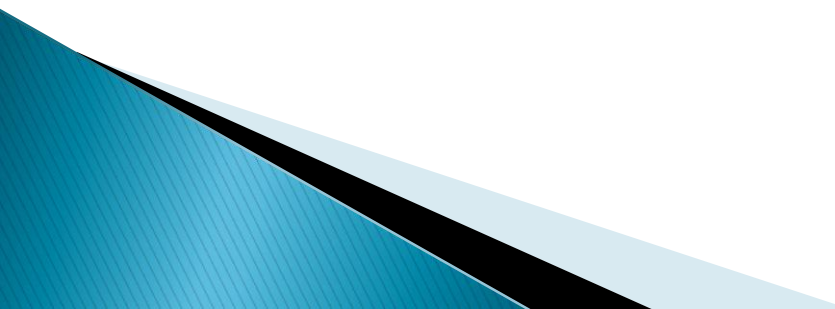
Withdrawal Consideration
April 8, 2013

Background

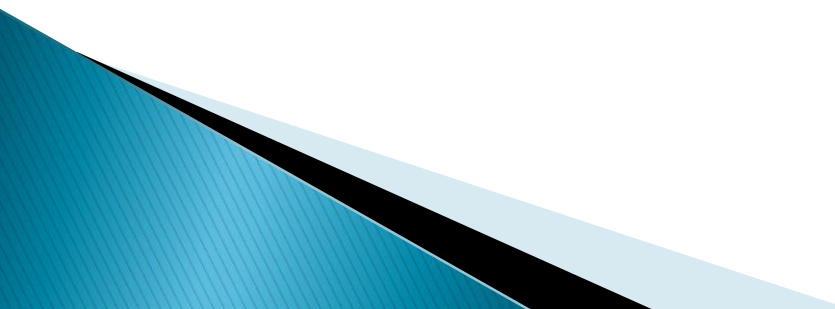
- ▶ Population growth (Cascade–Benson Hill annexation, others; general growth) prompted master plan study for library service
 - ▶ Master plan identified 2 options: 1) improve services and expenditures as municipal library with reciprocal agreement with KCLS; or 2) annex to KCLS
 - ▶ Annexation option placed on ballot (2009 pre-annexation agreement outlined city–KCLS obligations if annexation approved)
 - ▶ Voters approve annexation to KCLS in February 2010
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Background (continued)

2009 Annexation Agreement

- ▶ City transferred title of all library materials and resources to KCLS
 - ▶ All usable furnishings and equipment were also transferred
 - ▶ City library staff transferred to KCLS
 - ▶ KCLS assumed operations March 1, 2010
 - ▶ Renton responsible for funding replacement facilities (details were further defined in the 2011 agreement)
 - ▶ 2012 election determined Cedar River library as downtown location
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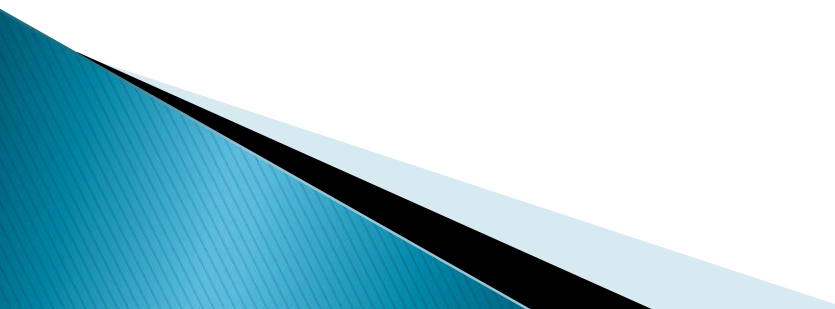
Withdrawal Authority

- ▶ RCW 27.12.380 gives City Council the authority to call for an election to withdraw from the library district
 - ▶ 3-year threshold
 - ▶ At general election
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Issues / Concerns

The Administration does not see any benefits from Withdrawal.

If Council pursues Withdrawal, key concerns include:

1. Level of service
 2. Serving the Cascade–Benson Hill area
 3. Increased costs from construction delays
 4. Budget impacts to General Fund
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Issues/Concerns

1. Level of service

2010 City Service

- ▶ 6 days/week
- ▶ Two branches
- ▶ 102 hours/week
- ▶ Over 173k print items
- ▶ No eBooks
- ▶ No meeting/study room
- ▶ 149+/- programs/yr

Current KCLS Service

- ▶ 7 days/week
- ▶ 48 Branches + mobiles
- ▶ 122 hours/week
- ▶ Over 4 million print items
- ▶ 40k eBooks
- ▶ Meeting/study room at each branch
- ▶ 318+/- programs/yr

1. Level of service (continued)


New/Expanded Services by KCLS

- ▶ Library-2-Go! Mobile outreach to daycares, community stops and events
- ▶ Let's Read – Summer free lunch outreach
- ▶ Added two Story Times (one in Spanish)
- ▶ Citizenship classes
- ▶ GED preparation tutoring
- ▶ Job Club
- ▶ One-on-one resume help
- ▶ Book-a-Librarian services
- ▶ Study Zone – tutoring for K-12 students
- ▶ Meeting/study rooms by reservation (125 bookings/mo)
- ▶ SAT prep classes
- ▶ Take Time to Read kiosks at three locations
- ▶ Take Time to Read Poster Project
- ▶ Resurrected Friends of Renton Libraries
- ▶ Teen library advisory board and volunteer opportunities
- ▶ Game On! program at Renton Highlands
- ▶ EBook Training
- ▶ Centrally funded adult programs including community diverse programming
- ▶ Spanish “Fiesta” promoting early literacy to Spanish speakers

Issues/Concerns

(continued)

2. Serving the Cascade–Benson Hill area

- ▶ Cascade–Benson Hill area primarily served through KCLS Fairwood Library
 - ▶ 2008 Library study assumed Fairwood annexation to Renton would bring KCLS Fairwood library under Renton ownership
 - ▶ Fairwood did not annex but annexation to KCLS continued library services for Cascade/Benson Hill
 - ▶ Withdrawal from KCLS would leave Cascade–Benson Hill (over 21% of Renton residents) without library service
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Issues / Concerns

(continued)

3. Increased cost from construction delays

- ▶ Current construction climate = cost inflation

Issues/Concerns (continued)

4. Budget impacts if Renton withdraws from KCLS

- ▶ Cost of operation
- ▶ Start-up costs
 - Library materials & resources
 - Furnishings and equipment
 - Staffing, Other
- ▶ Reciprocal agreement?
- ▶ Voter approval of additional taxes for library service?
- ▶ Continuity of service
- ▶ Additional capital costs
(Cascade-Benson, inflation)

Administration Recommendation

- ▶ Continue service with King County Library System (KCLS)